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1. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO CALL DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING DISTORTIONS IN MOSCOW'S CONTINUED HEAVY COVERAGE OF VIETNAM DEVELOPMENTS:

A. A TASS ITEM FROM WASHINCGON (APRIL 4), CARRIED IN PRAVDA (APRIL 5) REPORTS PRESIDENT FORD AS HAVING ANNOUNCED IN HIS SAN DIEGO PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE US WOULD SEND NAVAL SHIPS TO INDOCHINA "ON THE PRETEXT OF THE POSSIBLE EVACUATION OF FLEEING SAIGON TROOPS."

B. A PRAVDA COMMENTARY BY XQURI ZHUKOV (APRIL 5) SAYS THAT ADDITIONAL WEAPONS DELIVERIES TO THIEU, UNDER THE "PENTAGON" PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL AID, WOULD CONSTITUTE "A SCANDALOUS VIOLATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT."

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C. ZHUKOV CITES CONGRESSMAN MCCLOSKEY'S REPORT THAT SAIGON

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RECEIED 3.98 BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF US MILITARY AID IN THE FISCAL YEARS 1973-75, WHICH ZHUKOV SAYS WAS "FORBIDDEN BY THE PARIS AGREEMENT."

2. THE REMAINDER OF ZHUKOV'S TYPICALLY UNPLEANSANT AND OFFENSIVE ARTICLE WAS AIMED AT SHOWING THE INEVITABILITY OF THE LIBERATION SUCCESSES AGAINST THE UNPOPULAR SAIGON REGIME, DENYING CHARGES OF "AGGRESSION FROM THE NORTH," DISMISSING THE REFUGEE PROBLEM, AND REPLAYING PRG STATEMENTS ADVOCATING A POLTICAL SETTLEMENT WITHOUT THIEU. HE ALSO SAID THAT "MANY AMERICANS" ARE CONCERNED ABOUT IMPLICATIONSOF GENERAL WEYAND'S VISIT TO SAIGON, THE AIRLIFT OF US WEAPONS, AND THE DISPATCHING OF US SHIPS -- "ALLEGEDLY TO AID REFUGEES."

3. PRAVDA (APRIL 5) ALSO CARRIES THE TEXT OF THE PRG'S TEN-POINT PROGRAM FOR THE "NEWLY LIBERATED AREAS OF SOUTH VIETNAM."
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